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1. After her father's death in Mar 1967 Dr Kl continued to be in intermittent contacts with Subject and his wife, on the latter's initiative. Despite Dr Kl's claims that she no longer was interested in "politics and contacts" Subject and his wife continued to phone her and arrange for meetings either at Dr Kl's house or in town. Altogether there were in the meantime about 5 or 6 meetings, incl. two, the most important ones, at Dr Kl's house on 3 and 23 May, respectively. In both cases Subject and his wife were visiting Dr Kl on their own initiative. Following is the gist of information obtained from Subject and his wife.

2. SHEVCHENKO Sergei, the head of the Ukrainian Mission in New York, is still very angry at Dr Kl for her article last year attacking the Mission and him personally ~~for~~ as inactive and purposeless. Subject, however, is inclined to agree, at least to some extent, with Dr Kl's criticism. "But what can we do? - he uses to say - He (Shevchenko) has some strong backing in high echelons and they keep him here". Not only Subject but also KOCHUBEY and other employees of the Mission would prefer someone else in Shevchenko's boots, and they hope for a change to the better in this post will materialize soon. Recently a young diplomat by the name of KRAVETS (fnu) has arrived at the Mission and he is going to take command of the Mission while Shevchenko will go to the Ukraine for vacations in June. Subject hoped that Shevchenko might not return to New York and in this case KRAVETS would replace him for the next term. That's why in Subject's opinion, Dr Kl should make acquaintance with KRAVETS. "He could be still very useful" to Dr Kl.

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Subject mentioned that KOCHUBEY, who was going to go on vacation together with SHEVCHENKO, decided now to go separately. Originally they planned to stay in nearby dachas or even in the same one but lately their relations worsened and KOCHUBEY had simply enough of the old man. It did not mean, of course, that Subject had changed his opinion about KOCHUBEY himself, to any great degree, and particularly about the latter's wife whom Subject considered to have rather affected manners.

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NEPYIVODA was returning to Kiev for good now. He resigned from his commission of his own volition.

3. Subject has admitted several times that in the field of "contacts" we now have some sort of a cooling off period. His explanation was that this was the emigres' fault. In his words, it turned out that there were no adequate partners among the emigres, and "Svoboda" and "America" were dominating the public opinion among emigres. Once or twice he pointed out that "even Ukrainske Zhyttia in Chicago ceased publishing". When countered with Dr Kl's arguments to the contrary, i.e. that not the emigres but Kiev was in default of proper moves and manifestation of "partnership", Subject usually kept silent, or mentioned DRACH, PAVLYCHKO, and KOROTYCH as examples of Kiev's willingness to develop cultural contacts with emigres. Already ~~in~~ prior to ~~the~~ the poetry reading of Korotych in New York, Subject complained that KOROTYCH was getting bad treatment by the emigres "who are only proving again and again their sole interest in political scandalism, and show their primitivism and arrogance".

So far there were, however, no encouragements on the part of Subject for Dr Kl to go this summer to the Ukraine. On the contrary, once or twice he stressed that it was better to wait "until things clear up".

Subject and his wife continue to claim that things are getting better in the Ukraine but not all can be done at once. The old story as before.

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4. Subject and his wife were "outraged" by Svetlana Allekuyeva's defection. They reproached her with leaving her children and betraying her country. They were particularly sensitive to the fact she turned to God. Subject tried to joke about it saying that he also was baptised in 1928 but his wife "reminded" him that there was nothing to joke about in case of Svetlana. Subject and his wife described Svetlana as mentally and sexually unbalanced.

When asked by Dr Kl why only Russians do defect and when finally Subject will follow their good example, Subject replied that he would never do something like that, moreover, would not do it for the sake of making a week long sensation<sup>out</sup> of himself. His wife added that she would never want her children to grow up in the West.

5. Two or three times Subject wanted to know whether PODGOLNY met with Cardinal SLIPYK while in Rome. He also mentioned several times that things for ~~the~~ Ukrainian catholics in West Ukraine were getting better and they were already allowed to read their mass and reopen some churches. But the main trouble was with the registration of churches. In Subject's opinion, Moscow will never let <sup>Ukrainian</sup> catholic churches ~~to~~ be registered as such and he would strongly recommend that Ukrainian catholics join Latin (Roman) churches, take them over from the Poles and transfer them de facto into Ukrainian ones. Otherwise, they will miss their chance because the government is not going to "play around too long". Subject mentioned that he knew about the tendency in some Vatican quarters <sup>persevering in their hopes</sup> ~~to finally~~ to finally obtain the right for registration of Ukrainian catholic churches but he personally doubted very much such concessions would ever forthcome.



6. Subject's children are to arrive soon from Kiev and on 22 June 1967 they will go together with the whole Mission to the Montreal Expo. On the way back they will visit Niagara Falls. They plan to stay on the trip for 5 days.

7. Lately Subject mentioned again that Dr Kl should go to Montreal Expo to meet some of their people. TRONKO did not come and it was not sure he would be here in August 1967. "But there were other people whom Dr Kl should meet and talk to".

8. According to Dr Kl. Subject made ~~some~~ a remarkable progress in his English. He is attending some school. This year they will have to leave the United States and are doing now a lot of shopping incl. different household gadgets etc.